

Ribbon-cutting welcomes students

Four students from Fletcher Miller Special School in Lakewood, Colo., joined CSO employees at a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by Administrator **Mike Hacskaylo** on Oct. 18.

The efforts of a few Western employees in concert with Fletcher Miller paid off for students Chris Breuhan, Dana Stenson, Michael Reeder and Ryan Gamble when they found work stations waiting for them behind a royal blue ribbon.

Administrative Support Manager **Theresa Williams** coordinated with Facilities Manager **Bob Hennessy**, Safety Manager **Doris Martinez** and Remtech Project Manager **Naomi Montoya** to create four work stations for the students. Community Trainer Connie Chamberlain, who manages the students' workload, said, "This is by far the nicest workplace setting we've been able to find for the program. It's very exciting to see how enthusiastic and supportive

everyone at Western is." The students' work stations are located in Room 128 were adjusted to meet ergonomic specifications for the student. Hennessy coordinated with Fletcher Miller occupational therapists to accommodate the students' physical needs. After getting measurements on wheelchairs and scooters, he customized each work station.

According to its mission statement, Fletcher Miller "provides opportunities for disabled students to develop appropriate work habits, attitudes and skills." They do this by working with area businesses to provide work experience in business settings. When asked if Western could provide work stations for four students, senior managers welcomed the idea.

Teacher Coordinator Patty Clark said, "Students taking part in this work and study program gain good work habits, attitudes and skills, while continuing to develop work related academic skills." Students work a maximum of three hours a day, attending work-related academic classes in the morning. Fletcher Miller students at the Western site do data entry work for American Pennant and other organizations that can use their services.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony included brief remarks by Chamberlain and Hacskaylo. "We're proud to be a part of such a positive program," Hacskaylo said. 🗞



CSO Support Services Specialist **Roy Stewart** (left) and **Bob Hennessy** team up to prepare work stations for Fletcher Miller students "It's great to be doing something a little out of the ordinary," Hennessy said.



Fletcher Miller students Dana Stenson and Michael Reeder look on as **Mike Hacskaylo** cuts the ribbon outside the students' new work area.